

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S725–S754*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 249–268, and S. Res. 34. **Page S742**

**Measures Considered:**

**Strengthening America’s Security in the Middle East Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of S. 1, to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize the appropriation of funds to Israel, to reauthorize the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015, and to halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S725–30, S730–36**

Pending:

McConnell Amendment No. 65, to express the sense of the Senate that the United States faces continuing threats from terrorist groups operating in Syria and Afghanistan and that the precipitous withdrawal of United States forces from either country could put at risk hard-won gains and United States national security. **Pages S732–33**

A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell Amendment No. 65 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, January 31, 2019. **Page S736**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 76 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 12), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S732**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 12 noon, on Wednesday, January 30, 2019, for debate only. **Page S754**

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**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S745–54**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S754**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—12) **Page S732**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:17 p.m., until 12 noon on Wednesday, January 30, 2019. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S754.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

#### CHINA AND RUSSIA

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine China and Russia, after receiving testimony from Elbridge Colby, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy and Force Development, and Ely Ratner, former Deputy National Security Advisor to the Vice President, both of the Center for a New American Security; and Damon M. Wilson, Atlantic Council.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported 385 nominations in the Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

#### CYBERSECURITY POLICIES AND ARCHITECTURE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense enterprise-wide cybersecurity policies and architecture, after receiving testimony from Dana Deasy, Chief Information Officer, Vice Admiral Nancy A. Norton, USN, Director, Defense Information Systems Agency, and Commander, Joint Force Headquarters-Department of Defense Information Network, and Brigadier General Dennis A. Crall,

USMC, Principal Deputy Cyber Advisor and Senior Military Advisor for Cyber Policy, all of the Department of Defense.

### CBO BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Congressional Budget Office's budget and economic outlook, focusing on fiscal years 2019–2029, after receiving testimony from Keith Hall, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Nicole R. Nason, of New York, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, after the nominee testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

### DRUG PRICING IN AMERICA

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine drug pricing in America, after receiving testimony from Kathy Sego, American Diabetes Association, Madison, Indiana; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, Washington, D.C.; Mark Miller, Laura and John Arnold Foundation, Houston, Texas; and Peter B. Bach, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, New York.

### ACCESS TO CARE

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine access to care, focusing on health centers and providers in underserved communities, after receiving testimony from Dennis Freeman, Cherokee Health Systems, Knoxville, Tennessee; John B. Waits, Cahaba Medical Care FQHC, Cahaba, Alabama; Andrea Anderson, Unity Health Care, and George Washington School of Medicine and Health Sciences National Family Medicine Residency Program, Washington, D.C.; and Thomas Trompeter, HealthPoint, Renton, Washington.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 116th Congress.

Also, committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 46, to repeal the Klamath Tribe Judgment Fund Act;

S. 50, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to assess sanitation and safety conditions at Bureau of Indian Affairs facilities that were constructed to pro-

vide affected Columbia River Treaty tribes access to traditional fishing grounds and expend funds on construction of facilities and structures to improve those conditions;

S. 51, to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana;

S. 199, to provide for the transfer of certain Federal land in the State of Minnesota for the benefit of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe;

S. 207, to enhance tribal road safety;

S. 209, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian Tribes;

S. 210, to amend the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 and the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to provide for advancement in public safety services to Indian communities;

S. 211, to amend the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime;

S. 212, to amend the Native American Business Development, Trade Promotion, and Tourism Act of 2000, the Buy Indian Act, and the Native American Programs Act of 1974 to provide industry and economic development opportunities to Indian communities;

S. 216, to provide for equitable compensation to the Spokane Tribe of Indians of the Spokane Reservation for the use of tribal land for the production of hydropower by the Grand Coulee Dam;

S. 224, to provide for the conveyance of certain property to the Tanana Tribal Council located in Tanana, Alaska, and to the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation located in Dillingham, Alaska; and

S. 226, to clarify the rights of Indians and Indian Tribes on Indian lands under the National Labor Relations Act.

### WORLDWIDE THREATS

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine worldwide threats, after receiving testimony from former Senator Daniel R. Coats, Director of National Intelligence; Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation; Gina Haspel, Director, Central Intelligence Agency; and General Robert Ashley, USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, General Paul Nakasone, USA, Director, National Security Agency, and Robert Cardillo, Director, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, all of the Department of Defense.